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SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—“ ఒక్కొక ఆంబోతు ఏడాదికి ఎన్ని ఆవులను దాటుతుందో చెప్పగలరా ? ”

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—“ We require at least 50 to 60 services per year. They can do up to 70 or 80 services. But now with the artificial insemination that is coming into vogue, a bull can do 600 to 700 services a year. But I do not know whether there is artificial insemination. But at present we require at least 50 to 60 services per year.”

Lease of Government steamers plying on the Godavari.

* 417 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have entered into a contract with Sri Koduri Krishna Rao of Kovvur, West Godavari district, for the lease of the Government steamers “ Dorothi ” and “ Helen ” running in the Godavari river between Kovvur and Rajahmundry;

(*b*) if so, the terms of the contract;

(*c*) whether the contractor of the steamers issued a notice to the Government demanding compensation for the non-fulfilment of the contract by the Government as a result of the destruction of the steamers during the cyclone; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—“ (*a*) Yes.

“ (*b*) There are 38 conditions in the contract. The most important is condition 36 which reads as follows :—

‘ The lessee while plying the ferry is subject to all risks, and no claims of compensation on any account will be entertained by Government.’

“ (*c*) The contractor submitted a petition to Government, in July 1950 requesting the following :—

(1) Cancellation of direct launch service between Rajahmundry and Central Delta.

(2) The cancellation of motor transport over the anicut.

(3) The reimbursement of Rs. 5,500, the cost incurred by the contractor for putting the steamers “ Dorothy ” and “ Helen ” in proper working order; and

(4) The payment of compensation of Rs. 30,000 per year (the loss incurred by him up till then).

“ (*d*) The requests of the contractor were examined in consultation with the Chief Engineer (Highways) and it was decided that there was no case for complying with the petitioner’s requests.”